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Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-20 have been amended to more clearly and positively recite the features of the present invention, as well as to make some minor grammatical improvements and to correct some minor antecedent basis problems so as to put the claims in better U.S. form

No new matter has been added, and it is respectfully requested that the amendments to the claims be approved and entered.

It is respectfully submitted, moreover, that the amendments to the claims are clarifying in nature only and are not related to patentability and do not narrow the scope of the claims either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents.

THE SPECIFICATION

The specification has been amended to correct a minor informality of which the undersigned has become aware, and a new abstract has been added that better complies with the requirements of MPEP 608.01(b) as required by the Examiner.

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In addition, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's requirement that the status of the Japanese priority applications mentioned in the specification be updated is not proper.

It is respectfully requested that the amendments to the specification be approved and entered, and that the objections to the specification be withdrawn.

THE PRIOR ART REJECTION

Claims 1, 3, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 17 and 20 were rejected under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by JP 2000-253127 ("Tsuji" which was cited by the Examiner as "Hirokazu"); and claims 2, 4, 5, 7, 10, 13, 15, 16, 18 and 19 were rejected under 35 USC 103 as being obvious in view of the combination of Tsuji and USP 5,907,604 ("Hsu"). These rejections, however, are respectfully traversed.

Tsuji discloses registering input data and image data in association with each other such that the image data may be displayed in response to input data.

In addition, Hsu discloses associating an image with a caller ID function.

By contrast, according to the present invention as recited in clarified amended independent claims 1 and 12, various communication logs of a portable communication terminal may be

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selected to be displayed, wherein each communication log includes a plurality of items of contact address information. When the communication log is displayed, an instruction may be input to instruct the portable communication terminal to display images with the displayed communication log. When the instruction is input, the link storage means is accessed to determine whether any item of image data is linked to any of the items of contact address information displayed on the display in the displayed communication log. And when it is determined that at least one item of image data is linked to a corresponding one of the displayed items of contact address information, the at least one item image data is read out and resized and displayed, together with the corresponding item of contact address information, in the list on the display.

Thus, if items of contact address information in the communication logs are associated with respective stored images, the portable communication terminal may be instructed to identify any such association and to resize and display the corresponding images together with the items of contact address information in the displayed communication log.

With this structure, the benefits of displaying images with a communication log may be achieved without necessarily displaying images with the communication log when the user does not want the images to be displayed, so that a small phone screen, for example, is not cluttered with images.

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It is respectfully submitted that none of the cited references disclose, teach or even remotely suggests the above described structural features and advantageous effects of the present invention as recited in amended independent claim 1 and corresponding method claim 12.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the present invention as recited in amended independent claims 1 and 12, and claims 2-11 and 13-20 respectively depending therefrom, clearly patentably distinguishes over Tsuji and Hsu, taken singly or in combination, under 35 USC 102 as well as under 35 USC 103.

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In view of the foregoing, entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,

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